

ABSTRACT

When the timer record operation is performed, corresponding to information of

(DM_copy_control_description) and information of CGMS or M-CGMS, it is determined whether the analog copy operation and the digital copy operation are prohibited or permitted. When the analog copy operation is prohibited, the analog timer record process is prohibited from being selected with the video mouse.

When the digital copy operation is prohibited, the digital timer record process is prohibited from being performed with the IEEE 1394 interface. When the digital copy operation is prohibited or when the analog copy operation is prohibited, a relevant alarm

indication is displayed. In addition, when the timer record operation is executed, if another device is recording a program, the MD synchronous record operation is being performed, a device that has set up the timer record operation is operating, a tape or a disc is not loaded to a device or in write protect state, a device is in analog record mode, or a smart file is a record prohibition portion, a relevant indication is displayed. In addition, the timer record operation is canceled.